

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants submit herewith replacement Figs. 1-11, which is replacing Figs. 1-13 previously filed on August 11, 2006.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 10, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicants delete the newly added paragraph at Page 12, Line 7 of the Specification on August 11, 2006, and submit replacement Figs. 1-11, replacing Figs. 1-13 filed on August 11, 2006. No new matter is added. Claims 18-29 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action on page 2, the drawings filed on August 11, 2006 were objected to because the newly submitted drawings are not the same as the drawings of the parent application 08/630,984. Applicants herewith submit replacement Figs. 1-11, replacing Figs. 1-13 filed on August 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that the newly submitted Figs. 1-11 are the same as the drawings in the parent application.

In addition, the newly added paragraph at Page 12, Line 7 of the Specification on August 11, 2006 was also objected to because this paragraph contains new matter. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, for the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution of the present application, the newly added paragraph is hereby deleted.

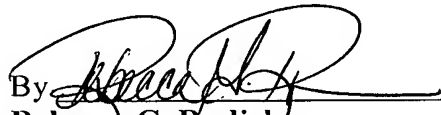
In the Office Action on page 3, claims 18-29 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,534 and claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,376,270. Applicants herewith submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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